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**Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of  
The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.  
MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB  
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

**Roll Call**

Matt Abbott	Shirley Hamilton	Harriett Pritchard
Paula Abbott	Kieth Hanson	Mary Provost
Cynthia Adams	Sandra Hanson	Laura Purnell
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Barbara Barton	Kendra James	Betsy Savage
Paula Bender	Janet Jamison	Alton Scarborough
Mayno Blanding	Donna Jones	Shauna Scarborough
Roberta Bleecker	Sheryl Kapella	Laurie Scarpa
Rosmarie Blood	Kayley Kovar	Carol Short
Lorrie Carlton	Larry Letsche, DVM	Avanell Sikes
Howard Chesbro	Kim Lockwood	George Sikes
Karen Chesbro	Sandra Madia	Mary Spruiell
Linda Cook	Dianne Mallon	Barbara Stubbs
Polly Cooper	Karla Matlock	Sue Swindle
Rick Day	Patricia McAllister	Stephanie Uva
Lisa Des Camps	Loretta McDonald	Lindsay Van Keuren
Katherine Dillon	Nancy McDonald	Kathie Vogel
Patricia Dorris	Diana McFarlane	Brenda Wallace
Jewel Elias	Judy McNamara	Robert Wallace
Lillian Endo	Sally Mitchell	Janet Weiderhold
Sheila Feldman	Dena Monson	Julie Weiderhold
Krista Fileccia	Shyla Newton	John Wise
Lee Fry	Nancy Noonan	Leanne Wise
Jean Glass	Robyn Orvos-Russell	Myra Wotton
Sandra Greenway	Laurie Philpot	
Nita Gryan	Vincent Philpot	
Carol Haines	Pedro Porcayo-Guevara	Total members present: 98
Vickie Halstead	Terrell Potts	

The meeting was called to order by Avanell Sikes, President, at the Sheraton North Hotel, Houston, Texas at 1:10PM on May 6, 2011. Roll was taken with 98 members present and a quorum was declared by the Recording Secretary.

A motion was made to approve the 2010 Annual Meeting minutes as printed in the Summer Bulletin and was seconded and approved.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

The president introduced new members and their sponsors: Kayley Kovar sponsored by Donna Jones and Rick Day; Wendy and Danny Ball sponsored by Donna Jones and Rick Day; Sharon Hunkins sponsored by Kathie Vogel and Barbara Chappell; Sue Swindle sponsored by Sherry Watts and Robyn Orvos; Jerry Pound and Jay Culpepper sponsored by Sherry Watts and Robyn

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Orvos; Linda Ross sponsored by Rick Day and Donna Jones; Betty Harker sponsored by Paula Hendricks and Janet Jamison; Judy Beckham sponsored by Paula Bender and Carol Short; Kim Lockwood sponsored by Kathie Vogel and Polly Street; and Stephanie Uva sponsored by Lisa Des Camps and Katherine Dillon.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Judy McNamara

The 2010-2011 BFCA Financial Statement: As of April 10, 2011 our opening checking account balance is \$17,428.23. We had income of \$52,070.54 and expenses of \$55,204.36. Our net loss was \$3,133.82 of income over expenses. We previously transferred \$15,000 from our savings to our checking plus \$79 which was an accounting makeup because of differing closing dates from 2010 to 2011.

As of April 30, 2011, our checking account balance is \$29,214.75 with a balance in PayPal of \$500.00. Our "high interest" savings account balance is \$35,887.43 for total funds of \$64,102.18. Of these total funds, \$12,668.23 is allocated funds for the BFCA Health Fund. Our Specialty income is down \$2,240.00 with a reduction of ads, seminars, banquet, and parking. Our projected 2011 balance is \$40,294.00. While our total funds indicate that we have \$64,102.18 this is not a true picture. Our expenses keep climbing putting the BFCA in a very serious financial crunch. The Board has made some changes and we are going to try to do what we can to come in on budget but it may not be what was done in the past. If we have to transfer \$15,000 next year, we will be down to \$25,000 and if done the year following we will be down to \$10,000. Although these are projections, we know expenses are not going down and we have no expectations that income will increase in 2011.

When we book a hotel for the Specialty, we have to fill out a credit report. If the credit report shows that the BFCA has only \$25,000, the hotel will not accept it. We must have more funds and in order to do this we must make changes in how we do business. Avaneil will provide more information from the Board meeting. We believe the club wants to hold independent specialties and not have to go to an "in conjunction with" a major show such as Louisville. We want to hold specialties at a hotel such as this one, but we will have to figure out both how to cut costs and increase income.

### BOARD MEETING DISCUSSIONS

The president continued with discussions held at the board meeting and news of how we hope to cut costs. Avaneil reported that the Board had approved the use of PayPal as our main component of sales and approved events at the cost of 2.9% per transaction.

The last bulletin for those who get their bulletin by mail will be the Summer Bulletin. There will be a notice included that unless you fill out the enclosed insert, sign and send back to Shauna Scarborough, the next Bulletin you receive will be sent by email. The board hopes that those who have been receiving the Bulletin by email have been enjoying it and appreciate your help in reducing the mailing costs.

The cost of the Hospitality night has increased to \$4,000. We had to reduce that cost to \$2,000. Some of you may have noticed that the food at Hospitality was short last night. Starting next year there will be a \$15.00 charge per person to attend the event. We wish we could feed all of the attendees but the funds are not there. Although this charge will not pay the entire event, it will

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help defray some of the cost so that the amount of food will be as we have had in the past. There will be a sign-up sheet along with the other events on line at the time of the Specialty.

Starting with 2012, the Pictorial of the Specialty will cost \$10.00. There will be a form online that you can order through PayPal. This will be the first time that we have ever offered the Pictorial to non-members. We feel that there are many attendees who would like the Pictorial but are not members of the club. The deadline to order the Pictorial will be June the 1<sup>st</sup> of each year which will give us the exact print quantity reducing any print overage.

Beginning in 2012, the awards booklet received at the Award Banquet will be revised to include the plaque and parchment information. It will not contain the new Champions of Record pages but these will be printed quarterly in the Bulletin. This will reduce the cost of printing the booklet since we are charged by the page.

The applications for membership will be voted on three times a year instead of four. There will not be a list of the new applicants in the Spring Bulletin but the new members will be included. There is not enough time for voting and notification of new members from the Spring Bulletin prior to the General Meeting.

We are in the process of modifying the membership application to make it appear more friendly and to give us additional information. If you have any suggestions on how to improve the application, please send your suggestions to Karen Chesbro, our Membership Chairman, by June 1, 2011.

AKC Eukanuba event will be held December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Orlando, Florida at the Orange County Convention Center, the second largest convention center in the United States. As in the past, there will be three days of local shows held in advance of the AKC Eukanuba National Championship.

Lillian Endo has audited the Treasurer's report books April 30, 2009 to April 30, 2011 and has found everything to be as recorded.

Larry Sorenson was unable to attend the National this year but that does not mean we will not have an auction. Get ready because it will be fun. Avanell introduced Rick Day and Kat Dillon who, between them, will handle the auction this year. The Board appreciates these members for coming through on such short notice.

Avanell asked all who served on a Show Committee or Club Committee to stand and conveyed the Board's appreciation for all the time given by those on the committee.

### HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT by Nancy McDonald

Nancy provided additional information on the two grants which were supported by the BFCA Donor Advised Funds which were Canine Allergy and Canine Pyoderma which is a skin infection associated with canine allergies.

The target for funds from the Pauline Schultz Memorial is patellar luxation. There are not many projects aimed at patellar luxation perhaps because the condition does not kill the dog. One grant is being considered and it is hoped that the committee will know if it is worthy of the funds by summer of 2011.

Researchers use DNA for many of these studies. Canine Health and Information has reported that the DNA collected for Bichons is very low. Nancy stressed that those who have not submitted DNA take the swabs that are available here, go on line to get the form and send your Bichon's DNA into CHIC.

The good news from CHIC is that more and more Bichon breeders are getting CHIC certifications and earning the 5-star award.

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Nancy also reminded members of the beverage napkins and condolence cards available at the Boutique support the Canine Health Fund. Do something good for the Bichon and make yourself feel good at the same time.

### **BFCA/RESCUE TRUST REPORT by Gail Antetomaso and Lynn Ramich**

Gail reported that for CY 2010, the beginning balance was \$20,797.38 and the ending balance was \$22,135.53. The income which included adoption rescue and donations was \$59,915.82. The expenses of which veterinary expenses was the greatest cost was \$58,577.47. As could be seen, the income was slightly higher than expenses.

This last year was hard due mainly to the economy. People are losing their homes and can no longer keep the dogs. Vetting costs are ever increasing. Many of the relinquished dogs are older and have health issues. For instance, within 3 months, there were 8 dogs with bladder stones. Volunteers for fostering are scarce. In order to reserve resources, dogs that are difficult to place, such as diabetic dogs are being placed on Petfinders and not being brought into the volunteer homes. In addition, new dog laws are making rescue more difficult. Pennsylvania laws are requiring Bichon Rescue to keep the number of dogs rescued to under 23 dogs for the entire rescue team in order to avoid requiring a kennel license. These new laws may eventually make club rescue a thing of the past with only shelters handling rescue.

Lynn thanked groups throughout the country that are helpful with rescue. The Rat Pack in Florida, Delaware Bichon Rescue, Wisconsin Bichon Rescue, Elise Davidson in Minneapolis, Nancy Lubich, Rick Dan and DeeDee Sorenson as well as Puget Sound, Chicagoland, the Houston and Dallas Clubs just to name a few.

Even though this was a slower year for rescue and the difficulties were many and the cost was great, it was a very rewarding year for rescue with 120 dogs being placed. The vet records are being requested with all owner surrenders. This helps with the "weeding out" process for dogs with behavior problems and as well as illnesses that do not have a good prognosis. Dogs that have biting problems are not accepted. We currently have two fosters with prominent health problems. One has congestive heart failure which is being treated and the other has epilepsy. These are treatable problems but in the end the dog can have a good life full of happiness. Rescue is satisfying and important to all involved.

### **2011 SPECIALTY REPORT by Judy McNamara**

Judy led off with good news about the good time we are having with the next two days being the best. She thanked the Houston club to which there was a resounding applause. The Specialty Committee, both new and old, was thanked for their hard work. Judy announced that the events on Saturday would start at 8:30 AM and that coffee, tea and light refreshments would be served.

At this time, Judy Beckham stepped forward to welcome all to Houston and to thank everyone for coming.

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### **AUCTION REPORT by Katherine Dillon**

Kat said that the ticket sales were going well but everyone should buy more. She unveiled the Danny Quest new trophy designed especially for the Specialty. It is called Celebrations and depicts a mother Bichon with her babies. Danny Quest has offered to sell additional pieces for \$195.00 plus \$15.00 shipping to all who sign up during the Specialty. Twenty percent of these sales will be designated for the BFCA. In addition one will be in the Auction. As well, there will be a couple of items designated for Bichon Rescue including a one-of-a-kind glass piece with the 2011 Specialty logo. This piece was created and donated by Shirley Hendel.

### **2012 SPECIALTY REPORT by Donna Jones**

Donna invited all to the 2012 National Specialty in Chicago which will be held at the Westin from May 5-13. The logo for next year is a baseball theme – Who's on First? Information regarding the plans will be in the bulletin and Donna expects all those whom she taps for help to assist with the event. It is hard work but a good time in Chicago is had by all and past turnouts have been great.

Avanell hoped that the news which was presented did not cause the membership to be resentful because the board cut out a lot of good things but that the membership acknowledge and respect the board members from 2009-2011 who had the insight to step up in member's behalf to do what needs to be done to continue our specialties as we have in the past.

At this point a motion to approve the slate of officers which were published in the winter and spring bulletin was made and seconded. Motion carried. The president asked the Recording Secretary to cast a vote for the slate of officers for 2011-2013 as published in the Winter and Spring Bulletin. The new officers were introduced and welcomed:

President	Sandra Madia
Vice-president	Kieth Hansen
Corresponding Secretary	Katherine Dillon
Recording Secretary	Diana McFarlane
Treasurer	Judy McNamara

Board of Directors – Gail Antetomaso, Karen Chesbro, Lillian Endo, Lisa Des Camps, Nancy Noonan, Avanell Sikes.

The meeting was turned over to the new President, Sandra Media.

First of all, Sandy thanked the membership all for their confidence for electing her to the position. Avanell has been a mentor, a great president, great treasurer and Sandy hoped that she can be as great. Sandy also thanked Avanell for presenting the difficult issues from the board meeting as well as some good news but that she left some good news for Sandy to tell.

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Janet Jamieson spoke to the board regarding enriching the honor given to our Parade of Champion dogs by moving the event to a different time slot. The Board proposed honoring our dogs through the Parade of Champions as in past but recommended moving it to between the bred-by dogs and bred-by bitches starting next year on the day of the Bred-By Special Attraction. Dogs will be presented individually with ribbons and announcement but would be grouped by category: as an example, Rescue, Agility, Obedience, Title Holders, National Specialty BIS ribbons, all-breed BIS. This would provide the deserved honor of having a lot more recognition with everyone in attendance. To clarify questions from the floor, Sandy reiterated that the schedule for the event would take place after Sweepstakes and the lunch break on Saturday, between the Bred-by Special Attraction Dogs and Bitches. Perhaps more people will want to showcase their dogs which will also help us financially. There was a favorable response by those in attendance.

Another item discussed was the BFCA Seminar which cost us out-of-pocket more than \$1000 this year. The board approved suspending the seminar in 2012 and moving the annual meeting to the morning which gives attendees the afternoon to get ready for the show. This announcement was greeted with applause. Larry Letsche offered to do a seminar at no charge should there be a desire in the future which was also met with applause. Another suggestion from the floor was having a Breeder's forum – vet, judge, and breeder. Another suggestion was asking some of the groomers to allow observance by membership while grooming. Sandy stressed the need for participation at all levels. Sandy said all of these ideas were great options and that board will work with ideas, publish them in the Bulletin and get your feedback. The members were in agreement.

Sandy reminded us that the website has a page for Local Club Events. All local clubs are encouraged to get the information to Lisa Des Camps so that the information is out there and attendance is increased. Local clubs are also under the hardship of reduction in funds.

Sandy spoke briefly about the Judges Selection process noting poor participation and subsequent complaints about judges selected. A question was asked if the ballot could be scanned and emailed to membership. Betty Ribble indicated that any changes to the current policy which outlines the method of voting would need to be approved to the Board. Sandy indicated that because of AKC changes, we are going to have to update our Constitution and By-Laws and that there will be a committee appointed to work on this subject. The policy for judges' ballots could be discussed at that time. A question was raised regarding extending the deadline for the judges' ballots. Presently, after the mail is received, the ballots must be tallied and published in the Bulletin which does not leave any extra time. Unless we change to some type of electronic balloting, we are forced to keep the deadline as it is. Sandy stressed that the key is getting your vote in as soon as you receive the ballot.

Lorrie Carlton asked whose responsibility is the selection of the closing date for the entries to the Specialty. The answer was that Onofrio sets the closing date and it has been four weeks due to our ribbon purchases. The BFCA orders ribbons from a different source than Onofrio. Onofrio sends us the list of class quantities, etc., Title Holders, etc. The list must be prepared by the Show Secretary before it is sent to the ribbon manufacturer who sends BFCA a proof. The proof must be reviewed and approved before the ribbons are actually made. The extra time is needed to for these extra steps. Much discussion from the floor ensued and was acknowledged by Sandy. She does not advise changing the date, but perhaps an email warning can be made a week before closing to members. Although this will not reach non-members, this might help members complete their entries.

The 2012 Conformation Judge is Lorraine Boutwell and the Sweepstakes judge is George Sikes.

Annual Parchments will be available at the catalog table Saturday and Sunday. Please pick them up and save the club the postage.



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New local club chairman is Karen Graeber and a meeting of local club delegates will be held in the lounge area.

Rick Day announced that there were only a few t-shirts left so get them now.

Larry Letsche announced that the microchips are available to be done right after the meeting in the same area as the local club meeting.

Betty Ribble reminded all that the sign-up sheet for the dinner is available with Myra Wotton.

Lorrie Carlton suggested that all the vendors be asked at the beginning of the year for a donation for the raffle. If a BFCA letter is needed, the Recording Secretary will provide one.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 3:50 PM.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

If you have not paid your BFCA dues for 2011-2012, please either go to the website and pay via PayPal or mail them right away to the Treasurer. Dues become delinquent on September 30th and must be received before that date in order to continue your membership.

If you have not received a Dues Notice, please contact Diana McFarlane, Recording Secretary, immediately. Thank you.

## Notes from the Seminar

Dr. Amanda Florsheim, DVM, behavior specialist was the presenter at the National Specialty Seminar in Houston. Fortunately for animal lovers and owners Dr. Florsheim left a Ph.D. program in History for vet School when she realized her first love was animals. In 2002, she was graduated from Texas A&M with the Doctor of Medicine degree. During vet school she was awarded a Geraldine R. Dodge Frontiers of Veterinary Medicine fellowship for a study of Behavioral Indicators of Pain in Horses. She also received the Skeeter Stephens Human Animal Bond Award. She has been in private practice in general and behavior medicine since 2002. Recently Dr. Florsheim left general medicine and opened Veterinary Behavior Solutions, a practice limited to behavior medicine and acupuncture. She is currently in residency in behavior medicine through the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists.

For such a young woman Dr. Florsheim was a wealth of information, much of which appeared to be new to many of the attendees.

Video tapes of dogs with a variety of common behavior issues, and some not so common, were shown. The positive changes in their behavior were remarkable. Dr. Florsheim stressed the need to be consistent, positive and patient as we guide our behavior challenged animals to more positive patterns of interaction.

Some of Dr. Florsheim's presentation focused on the special needs of dogs who are surrendered or come into rescue.

Listening to the comments from the audience during the question and answer period and after the presentation, it was clear that this was a topic of high interest and one that the attendees were grateful to have addressed at the National level.

Dr. Florsheim's powerpoint slides are available for review on the BFCA website, [www.bichonfriseclubofamerica](http://www.bichonfriseclubofamerica).

**2010/11 Annual Committee Reports**

**Treasurer's Report—Judy McNamara**

**BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA  
Treasurer's Report  
Financial Statement Beginning April 27, 2010 and Ending April 30, 2011**

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 27, 2010 \$17,428.23

**INCOME:**

National Specialty		
2010	\$21,856.00	
2011	<u>16,441.00</u>	\$38,297.00
Health		1,713.00
Dues		6,706.04
Sales		1,819.50
Breeders Directory		3,250.00
Membership		250.00
Rescue		<u>35.00</u>
Total Income		\$52,070.54

**EXPENSE:**

National Specialty		
2010	\$32,551.28	
2011	<u>10,237.28</u>	\$42,788.56
Bulletin		3,815.68
AKC Delegate		1,899.44
PayPal		118.32
Sales		482.95
Insurance		1,594.00
Judges Education		965.79
Printing and Reproduction		1,059.83
Ads		95.00
Tax Return Preparation		500.00
Telephone		526.09
Public Education		57.92
Recording Secretary Expense		856.45
Dues		95.00
Miscellaneous		134.33
Awards		<u>215.00</u>
Total Expense		<u>55,204.36</u>

NET LOSS (3,133.82)  
 TRANSFERS FROM SAVINGS \$15,000.00  
 TRANSFERRED TO PAY PAL ACCOUNT (79.66)

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE, APRIL 30, 2011		29,214.75
PAY PAL BALANCE		500.00
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE, APRIL 27, 2010	\$50,065.68	
Transfer To Checking	(\$15,000.00)	
Interest Income	<u>21.75</u>	
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE APRIL 30, 2011		<u>35,087.43</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS APRIL 30, 2011</b>		<b><u>\$64,802.18</u></b>

**2010/11 Annual Committee Reports****Membership—Karen Chesbro****ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.  
Member of the American Kennel Club, Inc.**

**May 1, 2010 – May 1, 2011**

The online application process continues to go smoothly, and has proven to be a more expeditious way to complete the application process. I find that most of the applicants and their sponsors are willing and able to fill them out online and return them to the Membership Administrator by computer. Occasionally someone has a problem returning the completed application by email, so it is returned by regular mail. With their permission, I retype it into the system.

We will be updating the membership information provided online. We also hope to add PayPal for payment of the application processing fee, and will make a few changes to the application itself. The proposed changes will be presented to the Board for approval.

This has been a busy year with several new members welcomed and a few additional applicants currently in various stages of the application process. The actual numbers are as follows:

<b>New Members Welcomed</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Applications being processed</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Unsuccessful Applicants</b>	<b>4</b>

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Karen Chesbro  
Membership Administrator**

## Obedience Critique—Lynn Eggers

The lovely Bichons were a joy to judge this year at the National in Houston. We started with one entry in Open B, and until the group exercises, our nice little do had a qualifying score, but unfortunately, he decided he could not stay down the required amount of time. It was a shame not to have a qualifier in this class.

Open A proved to be the same with some nice workers but no Q.

Fortunately, we had a good working combination in Novice B, who turned out to be our High Score in Trial.

In rally, we had 2 qualifiers in Advanced B and one team in Advanced A. Great!

Both teams qualified in Novice B and we all cheered!

It does show that these beautiful snowy white dogs can do obedience and rally.....everyone enjoyed seeing them doing their thing....most of all, me.

Thank you for the pleasure of judging this National. It was such a joy for me.

LYNN EGGERS

## Sweepstakes & Special Attraction Critique—Sandra Hanson

### **PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES:**

Before I begin my critique, I would like to thank BFCA and the membership for giving me this opportunity to judge our National Sweepstakes and Special Attraction Bred-By Competition. It was quite an honor to be asked to judge at our 36<sup>th</sup> National Specialty.

I was pleased to see so many nice entries. Overall, the exhibits were nicely structured with pretty heads, round eyes, good pigment and correct coats. I saw some very nice fronts, which is an improvement from the past, but still some weak rears that we really have to work on to give us the high tail sets and the rear extension. The temperaments were quite good overall.

#### 6 – 8 Puppy Dogs:

First was PARAY'S MOLTO PARTICULARE. A happy boy with nice balance, good coat and good reach in front. He had a nice round eye. The muzzle was a bit long but may improve as he matures. Second place puppy LILYWHITE'S TRESSED TO KILL had a pretty head, nice eye and long neck. His coat was not as nice as the first place pup and was a little close in the rear.

#### 8 – 10 Puppy Dogs:

This class was very nice and it was close between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

First was SHYLADAWN SOLEIL HERE COMES THE SON. He had a nice head with a pretty face and round eye, was nicely balanced with a good coat. He was a happy little guy!

Second was MON AMI'S REAL GOOD TIME. He had a nice round eye, a tad long in the muzzle, nice length of neck, good coat and nicely balanced.

Third was MERRYELL SPECIAL CONNECTION. He also had the nice round eye with good pigment....tad long in the muzzle, nice neck length but longer in the loin.

#### 10 – 12 Puppy Dogs:

There was only one exhibit in this class.

ROMIO SHERAMOR COWBOY CASANOVA. Again the nice round eye, good balance, nice width in rear. Would like to have seen better angles in the front.

#### 6 – 8 Puppy Bitches:

First was GLORYB'S ALWAYS KISS ME GOODNIGHT. A nice little bitch with attitude, nice length of neck and good balance. She had a pleasing face with the round eye and good pigment. I'd like to see her when she is mature.

Second was NEVOSO PINA COLADA PRELUDIO DE AMOR. She would really have liked to be anywhere but in the show ring.

#### 8 – 10 Puppy Bitches:

First was KENNINGWAY LILY OF THE VALLEY. She was shown very well by her young handler! She was a nice bitch with balance, attitude and good length of neck. I would have liked a bit shorter muzzle.

Second was DOGNEWS'S FM2 MEMORY. A nice young bitch with pretty face, good head with the triangle. I would have liked a bit more bone and body. She had lovely side movement.

Third was WHITEBRED'S GARDEN OF EDEN ROSE. This was a very pretty girl with nice balance

## **Sweepstakes & Special Attraction Critique Con't**—Sandra Hanson

but today she would have preferred to be anywhere else but in the show ring.

10 – 12 Puppy Bitches:

First was HIGH RIDGE MINNIE AS IN MOUSE. This bitch could not be denied and I would have gladly taken her home. She had that correct head with pretty expression, nice eye and triangle. Her coat was lovely and she had a nice high tail set. She was well balanced with correct angles and covered ground with very little effort and kept her profile while moving. She enjoyed being in the ring and her attitude showed it.....a very happy girl!

Second was GEMSTONE-HIGH RIDGE PROMISE TO LYNDALE. She was a very nice bitch with nice head, great coat and balanced. Her length of neck gave her a nice outline. She was a bit close in the front and rear.

Third was OVERTOP'S SUMMER KISSES FOR GLORYB. She had a pretty face, good length of neck and nice balance giving her a pretty outline. I would like a bit more body.

### ***BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES:***

The six class winners were all very nice and none of them let down. The decision, and not an easy one, came down to the 8 – 10 month dog and 10 – 12 month bitch. As I watched them on their final go'round, it was clear that today it was the bitch's day. So Best in Sweeps went to HIGH RIDGE MINNIE AS IN MOUSE and Best of Opposite in Sweeps went to SHYLADAWN SOLEIL HERE COMES THE SON.

### ***SPECIAL ATTRACTION BRED-BY EXHIBITOR:***

12 – 15 Dogs:

The only entry in this class was ELAN STAR SAPPHIRE. He had a nice head, pretty face, good coat but was a bit close in front.

15 – 18 Dogs:

These three all had very pretty faces with round eyes, correct heads and mature coats.

First was BRERETON'S TOP OF THE MORNING. He was a nicely balanced boy with good length of neck. He had nice side movement and kept his profile when moving.

Second was SHYLADAWN'S MR. MAJESTYK. He was a happy boy. I would have liked more neck.

Third was DOGNEWS'S G-MY ENDLESS LOVE. He had nice side movement but was very close in the rear.

Open Dogs:

First was DA BECK'S MR. INCREDIBLE. He was enjoying his time in the ring.....a happy boy. He had good coat, nice face with a round eye but was a bit close in the rear.

Second was ABSOLUTE AFFINITY AGAPE BULLET PROOF. He had a pretty face but I would like a bigger eye. He had nice balance and a good tail set.

Third was ENCORE'S NORDIC CONNECTION. This boy was nicely balanced with a long neck. I would like a bigger eye and a shorter muzzle.

## **Sweepstakes & Special Attraction Critique Con't**—Sandra Hanson

### Champion Dogs:

This was a VERY competitive class and I was pleased to see really nice dogs. My first three placements all had long necks and good proportions that gave a pretty outline. All had lovely mature coats.

First was CH BELLE CREEK'S FLIGHT TO DÉJÀ VU. This boy caught my eye right away. He had a very pretty face with the triangle, a dark round eye, lovely pigment, good tail set and sound movement. He didn't put a foot down wrong.

Second was CH BELLA DIAMELLA SUNDAY SURPRIZE. This boy also had a very pretty face and a big eye, nice pigment and good tail set. I would like a bit more reach.

Third was CH WENDAN OUT ON PAROLE FROM MUSICBOX. A happy boy with very nice balance. I would like more width between the eyes.

### 12 – 15 Bitches:

The only entry in this class was RISGAE'S GONE TO THE BEACH. She was a cutie. A very happy and playful girl with nice expression, balanced with nice side movement. A little close in the rear.

### Open Bitches:

First was RISGAE'S CATCH THE RAINBOW. A pretty girl with a pleasing face, nice eye, good length of neck, lovely coat and nicely balanced.

Second was BELLE CREEK'S OVER THE RAINBOW. Another happy girl with a pretty head and face. She had nice balance but was a bit close in front.

Third was OVERTOP'S I'M SEXY GIRL. She had a nice outline, good coat, lovely long neck. She had a smaller head and face and eyes that were a bit close.

### Champion Bitches:

All the bitches in this class were very nice. My first three placements all had lovely coats, long necks and were nicely balanced.

First was CH BELLE CREEK'S RAZZLE DAZZLE. She had a very pretty face, nice pigment, great attitude and when standing, she had a pretty outline.

Second was RISGAE'S HUSSY IN HEELS. She was full of herself and enjoyed being in the ring. She had a very nice tail set.

Third was VOGELFLIGHT'S TAYWYN TARRAGON. This bitch also had nice pigment. I would have liked more rear angulation.

The final line-up of the seven Bred-By winners was wonderful. After re-examining all of these very nice Bichons and a last go-round, my decision was easy. The winner of the Best Bred-By Exhibitor Competition was CH BELLE CREEK'S FLIGHT TO DÉJÀ VU and Best of Opposite was RISGAE'S CATCH THE RAINBOW, from the Open Bitch class.

In closing, I would like to say what a pleasure it was to judge so many wonderful bichons. I thoroughly enjoyed my assignment. Thank you again!

Sandee Hanson



## Officer's Reports

## President's Report—Sandra Madia

Once again I want to thank the entire membership for their confidence in selecting me as your new President. Following in Avaneil Sike's shoes is a big assignment; and when I look back at all the previous Presidents of the Bichon Frise Club of America, I realize the tremendous responsibility I have accepted. Please be assured that I will do my very best to earn the trust you have placed in my hands.

I believe it is the responsibility of the board to act according to the wishes of the membership. It is my wish to lead this club in the manner for the membership while utilizing the Constitution and By-Laws as the governing basis. Your input is vital and it provides the facts – and I truly believe that “facts make the decisions.”

To this end, we need to make changes to our By-Laws. We have not made changes since 1988 and we need to update the By-Laws in order to be in compliance with current AKC rules and guidelines; and to accommodate changes for the betterment of our club. Please give us your support and your recommendations as we begin this laborious task.

The Specialty! Wow! It was just super. It seemed that everyone had a wonderful time and it was sure a busy active event. Judy McNamara, Show Chairman, did a fantastic job with every facet of this wonderful specialty. Thank you, Judy. Every single committee person knocked themselves out to do the very best they could to with their individual assignments.

We even had a lovely young lady sing the Canadian National Anthem and the American National Anthem beautifully – both days. Huge thanks to the Houston club for such a special treat.

And, speaking of the Bichon Frise Club of Houston – your contributions were unbelievable. The floral arrangements, the huge boots, the terrific centerpieces, your auction, the goodie bags – and more – Thanks to all of you!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our all of our National Specialty Winners. This year's Best of Breed - GCH Sak's Hamelot Little Drummer Boy. Owners: Barbara Weidner, L. Darman, K. Griffin and Cecelia Ruggles. Breeders: Sandra and Kieth Hanson and Shirley and Richard Hamilton. Best of Opposite – CH Gemstone She Is Belle of The Ball. Owners: Jewel Elias and Sacha Farnsworth. Breeders: Jewel and Mitchell Elias.

I would also like to thank, you, the membership. We had 98 members present at the General Meeting, which is the most in over 8 years and your participation was outstanding. You gave the board a lot of input and ideas about your club, plus you were supportive in our plans and understanding of our problems. Many of you sent emails to me which I shared with the board. The initial result of your comments is the basis of our initial survey included in this Bulletin. Please complete this survey either via mail or from our website. We need to move forward as a club filled with team spirit.

There are just a few changes to the Committees for 2011 – 2012 and they will be published when finalized.

Donna Jones is our Show Chairman for the 2012 National Specialty being held in Chicago next year and she has been working very hard on the event - note the fabulous logo on the back of the Bulletin. All pertinent information can be found on our website and details will be forthcoming as they become available. Please join me in supporting Donna in this very important position.

I hope you all have a very wonderful summer – filled with obedient Bichons (not in my house of course), great agility scores and fun runs, rally titles, championships, fabulous rescues, healthy litters, puppy awards, happy dogs and family fun. And, mostly, be safe.

**Officer's Reports****Secretary Report—Diana McFarlane****Ballot Proposals**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>06-11A</b>	<b>06-11C</b>	<b>06-11D</b>	<b>06-11E</b>	<b>06-11F</b>	<b>06-11G</b>
Antetomaso, Gail	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Chesbro, Karen	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Des Camps, Lisa	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Dillon Katherine	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Endo, Lillian	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Hanson, Keith	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
McFarlane, Diana	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
McNamara, Judy	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Noonan, Nancy	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
Sikes, Avanel	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve

**Board Proposals:**

**06-11A:** The Breed Referral Chairman shall purchase a TracFone for incoming breed referral request phone calls from the public.

**06-11B: Tabled for further information.** The BFCA will use an Apple Square Card Reader for sales at the National Specialty. This would be active only during the Specialty.

**06-11C:** The Specialty Banquet activity will begin at 5:30 PM instead of 6:00 PM.

**06-11D:** The National Specialty Auction at the Banquet will be held as a silent auction with winners announced along with the awards.

**06-11E:** A BIS Gallery page will be added to the website for All-Breed Best in Show Winners. There will be one photo per dog and the dog must be owned/bred by a BFCA member at the time of the win.

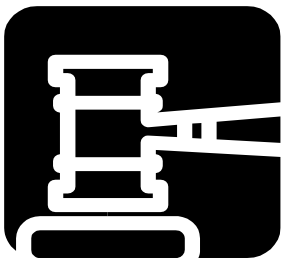
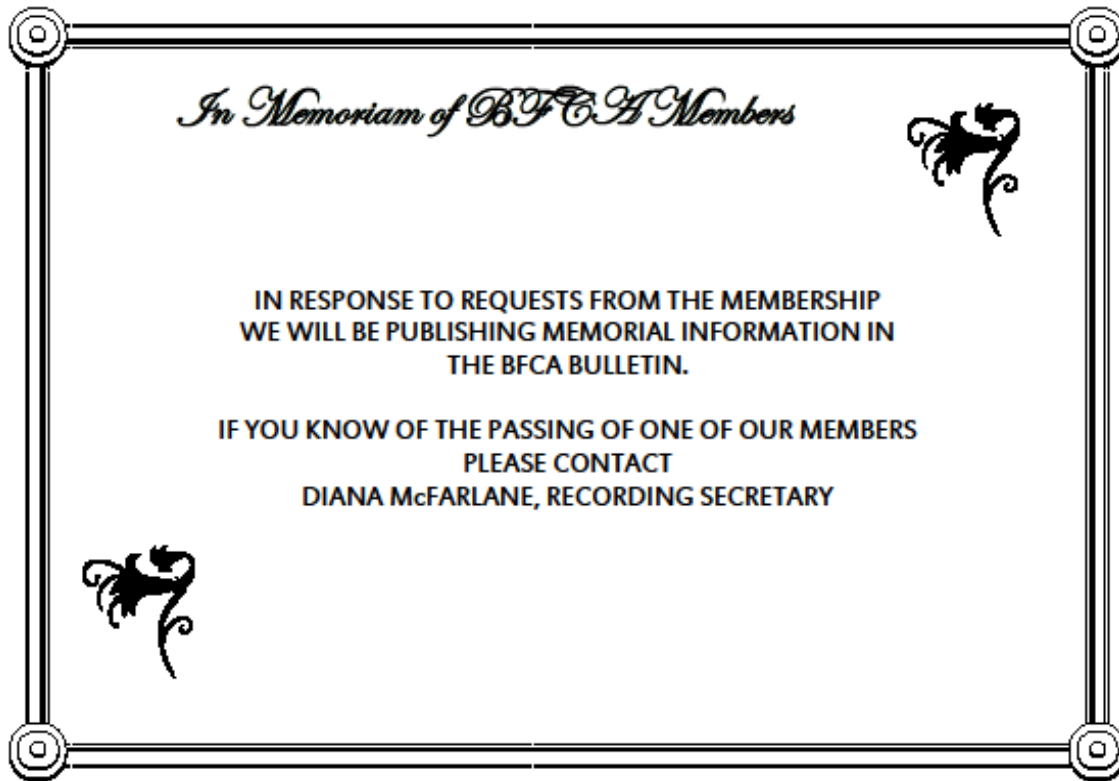
**06-11F:** Affiliate ID's with merchant websites will be applied in order to increase our boutique sales.

**06-11G:** The BFCA will hire Phyllis Ensley as our show photographer for the 2012 National Specialty.

*\*Note: "NV" means no vote received due to vacation or out of town absence.*

## Officer's Reports

## Secretary Report—Diana McFarlane



## Laws that Affect the Sport of Purebred Dogs

To keep up with the latest in your state and local area legislation, sign-up for a Legislative Alert on the AKC website. Simply logon to <http://www.akc.org> and click on Legislative Alert in the My AKC box (upper right corner).. Enter your email address and you will receive a conformation from Majordomo@AKC.org.

To see information for the entire US, go to: [http://www.akc.org/news/sections/legislative\\_alerts.cfm](http://www.akc.org/news/sections/legislative_alerts.cfm). There you will see the AKC correspondence by year/month. Stay informed and work with AKC Federated Groups to fight or support legislation. Click the AKC Federations link on the left side of same page to find a group.

## Officer's Reports

## Treasurer's Report—Judy McNamara

<b>BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA</b>		
<b>Treasurers Report</b>		
<b>Financial Statement Beginning April 30, 2011 and Ending June 30, 2011</b>		
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 30, 2011</b>		<b>\$29,214.75</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
2011 National Specialty	\$23,097.25	
Health	1,155.00	
Dues	4,260.00	
Sales	107.00	
Rescue	<u>30.00</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$28,649.25</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>		
2011 National Specialty	\$25,262.37	
PayPal	51.24	
Sales	103.70	
Telephone	166.29	
Treasurers Expense	43.14	
Miscellaneous	<u>12.58</u>	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b><u>25,639.32</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b><u>3,009.93</u></b>
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2011</b>		<b>\$32,224.68</b>
<b>PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>		<b>500.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT APRIL 30, 2011</b>	<b>\$35,087.43</b>	
Interest	<u>2.95</u>	
<b>BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT JUNE 30, 2011</b>		<b><u>35,090.38</u></b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2011</b>		<b><u>\$67,815.06</u></b>

## Committee Reports

## Delegate Report—George Sikes

In June, 2011, AKC launched the Therapy Dog title “THD.” This title will reward dogs and their owners that have provided ongoing community service to help improve the wellbeing of others.

With the continued sluggish economy and high fuel prices, one might think entries would be down for the year. Today entries are up by 5.2%. From 2000 to 2010 entries were up 19%. This is good news.

The publication industry is changing. The AKC Board of Directors unanimously voted to adopt the staff’s recommendation to allow AKC publications to join the 21<sup>st</sup> century by embracing digital communication. Beginning in October, 2011 the Gazette will be published on the AKC website as a PDF file, available for down loading, printing and forwarding via email. The Events calendar is and will continue to be on the AKC website.

To let the public know about the good works of AKC, they distributed Family Dog to 27,000 veterinarians’ offices, 23,000 groomers’ shops, and recently added federal and state legislators to the Family Dog mailing list. AKC plans to include an expansion of Family Dog to include content that fanciers found most popular in the Gazette.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Article VII, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of the AKC. This amendment would make an AKC Board member who has served two consecutive terms ineligible for reelection for the length of one full term of four years. A two thirds vote in the affirmative vote was required for adoption. The vote was 100 affirmative and 144 opposed. The amendment was not adopted.

I plan to attend the September Delegates meeting at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel on September 13, 2011.

## Committee Reports

### BFCA 2011 Raffle/Auction

As the Chair for the Raffle/Auction I have no words to express my gratefulness for the **GENEROUS** Donations made for our 2011 National by Members and NON Members! There were more complements given on our Raffle than ever before, and it is because of **YOU!** We had such lovely and unique items to display and the winners were so EXCITED with their winnings.

**CHANGES** for the 2012 Raffle/Auction will be to hopefully help the evening move along and get us ALL out earlier. We will still have the Raffle as usual with Rick Day and Co selling Tickets and Rick announcing the winning Ticket. What the board has decided to do different is to have a Silent Auction, the Silent Auction Items will be on display to be bid on starting Thursday The Welcome Night . The Silent Auction will reopen when T-shirts are being sold and close when T-shirts are closed and reopen when Raffle items are on display at the Banquet and Close when the Raffle starts. As soon as the Raffle is over Awards will begin and when Awards are over the Winners of the Silent Auction will be announced and VIOLA, THE END. I think the board is on to something here. I think we might even set a record in 2012 for the earliest to conclude the Banquet Night, Come on join us on our NEW ADVENTURE in Chicago 2012!

Again, Thank You Members for your generosity, Kat Dillon

Deadline for Fall Bulletin

Is

October 10

**Committee Reports****Membership—Karen Chesbro****New Members**

**Judy Beckham**  
3011 Lone Star Lane  
Pinehurst, TX 77362  
(Paula Bender & Carol Short)

**Betty Harker**  
6433 Folsomville-Degonia Rd  
Tennyson, IN 47637  
(Paula Hendricks & Janet Jamison)

**Kim Lockwood**  
6 Little Field Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405  
(Lisa DesCamps & Kat Dillon)

**Stephanie Uva**  
62 Lakeview Terrace  
Ellijay, GA 30536  
(Polly Street & Kathie Vogel)

**New Membership Applications (Sponsors)**

**Daniel Erickson**  
PO Box 984  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
(Dianne Mallon & Barbara Stubbs)

**Debra Gibb**  
11616 Caminito Magnifica  
San Diego, CA 92131  
(Linda Rowe & Barbara Stubbs)

**Michelle Zobolas (Rachel-daughter)**  
17 Cherry Hills Farm Drive  
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113  
(Sandra Madia & Lindsay VanKeuren)

*All BFCAs members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Diana McFarlane 3606 Haverhill St. Carlsbad, CA 92008-2174 by September 14, 2011.*

**Committee Reports****ROM/ROMX—Diane Mallon****REGISTER OF MERIT / REGISTER OF MERIT EXCELLENT AWARDS**  
Submitted as of 07/30/2011**Congratulations to the following dogs that have been rewarded ROM titles:****ROM:****CH. JUDGES CHOICE MAIN LINE (B)****CH. VOGELFLIGHTS TRESSEME' TAYWIN (B)****OWNERS:****SARAH RAWLINGS\*****BARBARA CHAPPELL\*  
MARY & KATHIE VOGEL\***

\* Denotes BFCA Membership

**Qualifications for ROM/ROMX**

It is the responsibility of the Owner of a proposed dog to submit the required information to the ROM/ROMX Chairman for confirmation. The Owner must be a BFCA member in good standing. To be eligible for a Register of Merit (ROM) Award, the subject dog is to have been: the Sire of seven (7) or more, or the Dam of five (5) or more, Champions of Record. To be eligible for a Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) Award, the subject dog is to have been: the Sire of twenty-five (25) or more, or the Dam of ten (10) or more, Champions of Record. The progeny are to be Champions of Record, confirmed by AKC.

**How to apply for your award:**

To apply for your ROM/ROMX please submit the following two documents:

1. An AKC Progeny Report for the sire or dam, listing the Champions of Record available from the AKC On-Line Store for \$25.00; OR **publications** from AKC Gazette, AKC Awards, BFCA Banquet Awards Booklets or Bichon Reporters verifying the Champions of Record.
2. Copy of current AKC registration, showing all owners of the sire or dam

**Note:** If you are unable or unsure about obtaining the AKC Progeny Report, then you may submit your request with a copy of the current AKC registration and a non-refundable check for \$25.00. I will obtain the AKC Progeny Report and mail a copy to you.

**Mail To:**

Dianne Mallon, 11 Turning Leaf Way, Azusa, CA 91702  
Phone: 626-862-7491 E-mail: bichonparty@aol.com





July 4,2011

We had just completed our annual specialty in April, and it was time for a few of our members to pack for the National Specialty in Houston, Texas. All who attended expressed having a great time, watching all of those Bichons in one big ring, and renewing friendships with the members from across the country. We found Houston to be a very friendly place.

We are now making preparations for our annual Bichon Frise Day In the Park, which will be held at the same park that we have used for the past several years. The date will be on Sept.18<sup>th</sup> 2011, and we hope that the weather will be a bit cooler by then. Currently our weather is in the 100's. We are planning our usual games, costume parade, Raffle and a return of our Cerf examination by a veterinary Ophthalmologist. We feel that this will be a welcome return as we had not had one for the last few years. It is nice to have your dog's eyes checked and have a fun day too.

Our Bichon Day In The Park is geared for the enjoyment and entertainment of our "pet" people, with the proceeds to go to our rescue fund. It seems that the "show" dogs enjoy the day just as much.

We had a wonderful spring season with a seasonal high rain, it seemed like just one day and the temperature changed; went from the 70's and 80's to 90-100's. Hopefully we will have another sudden change in Sept. and it will return to the spring weather. Whatever the temperature may be, our park has many large trees and beautiful, well kept lawn area.

Submitted by:

Sally Mitchell



## The Bichon Frise Club of San Diego

Spring and early summer was a busy time for the Bichon Frise Club of San Diego.

We were pleased to have 10 of our members attend the National Specialty in Houston. A good time was had by all and we congratulate BFCSD member Diana McFarlane as she takes over as the new BFCA Recording Secretary.

Once home we launched into the final preparations for our Agility Event on June 17, 18 and 19. The event was a big success. Agility is a great venue for dogs of many sizes and shapes and always fun to watch!

We are looking forward to a warm summer and a chance to relax a little before focusing on our back-to-back Specialties in February 2012. This will be the Friday before the Silver Bay Kennel Club shows on Saturday and Sunday. Show Chairperson, Betty Ribble, is already marshalling her committee chairs. Our theme is BICHON BLING. This is always a fun filled day and we invite you all to come for a visit.

The Pictorial Review Book IV, as well as copies of Books I – V, are still available for purchase on our website, [www.bichonfriseclubofsandiego.com](http://www.bichonfriseclubofsandiego.com).



CBFC is busy preparing for our first independent specialty since 2008. It will be held Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, in the evening, at the Kane County Exhibition Building in St. Charles, Illinois. This show is indoors and the site is air conditioned. This show will be followed by the Elgin Kennel Club shows, Saturday and Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

On Friday, the judge of regular classes is Ruth Zimmerman, and Cynthia Pagurski is judging sweepstakes. Our club is supporting the entry of Bichons at the Elgin weekend shows. Saturday's judge is Anitra Cuneo and Sunday's judge is Thomas Yates. The show secretary for Elgin is Roy Jones. The show secretary for the Friday show is Jim Langford. He can be reached via phone at 815-355-2025 or by e-mail at: [Jim.Langford@Langford-Consulting.com](mailto:Jim.Langford@Langford-Consulting.com). If you need any info, please feel free to contact me as well – [Bichon.nancy@att.net](mailto:Bichon.nancy@att.net).

### **News from our club members**

Larry Fitch, Jr., son of Anna and Larry Fitch, was seriously injured in a car accident on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Larry Jr. suffered massive injuries, including a traumatic brain injury. As of this writing, he is in rehab, while his recovery continues. For more info, please visit [www.caringbridge.org/visit/larryfitchjr](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/larryfitchjr). Please keep the Fitch family in your thoughts and prayers.

The Bichon Edition of the Popular Dogs Magabook, by the editors of Dog Fancy magazine, has been revised and updated. The majority of the pictures in this publication credited to Faith Uridel are of dogs bred by CBFC members, mostly Carol Haines of Crème Bichons. This publication can be found in stores like Petsmart.

Earlier this year, Dinger, AKA Crème's Grand Slam AX MXJ AXP OJP earned 3 agility titles in 6 straight shows. Dinger, who turned 10 in May, now has 12 AKC agility titles and has been nationally ranked in the top 25 since 2006, except for time missed due to injury.

The 2012 Bichon calendar by Pet Prints features some of the same dogs as in the Magabook, in the photographs by Faith Uridel. You can preview the calendar at [www.petprints.com](http://www.petprints.com). The dog pictured for February and September is sitting at my feet as I write this – it's Dinger!

We hope to see you at our specialty in late August. Wouldn't it be great to celebrate the dog days of summer with a major?

Nancy Muklewicz  
President

# WHO'S ON FIRST - IN CHICAGO?



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